

AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 6, with the following:

The present application is related to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Applications: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[____]] (~~Docket No. AUS920000960US1~~) ~~filed on~~ [[____]] 09/997,802, titled “Maintaining Data Integrity Within A Distributed Simulation Environment”; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[____]] (~~Docket No. AUS920010962US1~~) ~~filed on~~ [[____]] 09/997,768, titled “Centralized Disablement Of Instrumentation Events Within A Batch Simulation Farm Network”; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[____]] (~~Docket No. AUS920000861US1~~) ~~filed on~~ [[____]] 09/997,767, titled “Fail Thresholding In A Batch Simulation Farm Network”; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[____]] (~~Docket No. AUS920010963US1~~) ~~filed on~~ [[____]] 09/997,803, titled “Count Data Access In A Distributed Simulation Environment”; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[____]] (~~Docket No. AUS920000651US1~~) ~~filed on~~ [[____]] 09/997,458, titled “Non-redundant Collection of Harvest Events Within a Batch Simulation Farm Network”; and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[____]] (~~Docket No. AUS920010961US1~~) ~~filed on~~ [[____]] 09/997,845, titled “Annealing Harvest Testcase Collection Within A Batch Simulation Farm”. The above-mentioned patent applications are assigned to the assignee of the present invention and are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 9, with the following:

FIG. [[16B]] 16A depicts a batch simulation farm in which a preferred embodiment of the present invention may be implemented;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 12, with the following:

FIG. [[16C]] 16B is a flow diagram illustrating a progression of events from the creation of a specific simulation model to the removal of that model from batch simulation farm and instrumentation server in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 17, with the following:

FIG. [[16D]] 16C is a flow diagram depicting steps performed during execution of a simulation job within a batch simulation farm in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 17, with the following:

A count event is a sequence of signal values that indicate the occurrence of an event within a simulation model for which ~~it would be advantageous to maintain~~ a count will be maintained. Count events are utilized to monitor the frequency of occurrence of specific sequences within a simulation model. Each instrumentation entity can monitor the target entity for any desired number of count events. Each count event is assigned to a particular signal bit on output port **405**. Logic block **402** contains the logic necessary to detect the occurrence of the desired count events and produces an active high pulse on the specified bit of signal **405** when a count event is detected. This count indication is conveyed by means of external signal **408** to instrumentation logic, which contains counters utilized to record the number of occurrences of each count event.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 86, line 1, with the following:

With reference now to **FIG. [[16B]] 16A**, there is illustrated a batch simulation farm **1601** in which a preferred embodiment of the present invention may be implemented. Batch simulation farm **1601** consists of geographically distant simulation farm nodes **1680a-d**. Within these nodes, general-purpose computers **1600a-n** are interconnected via local area networks (LANs) **1610a-d**. LANs **1610a-d** are further connected by means of a wide-area network (WAN) **1690**, which provides communication among multiple simulation farm nodes **1680a-d**. Those skilled in the art will recognize that many possible network topologies are possible for a batch simulation farm.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 90, line 14, with the following:

With reference to the flowchart of FIG. ~~[[16C]]~~ 16B in conjunction with FIG. 15, there is depicted a progression of events from the creation of a specific simulation model to the removal of that model from batch simulation farm 1601 and instrumentation server 1699. The process begins at step 1621, which depicts the creation of the given simulation model. The simulation model is created in accordance with model build processes described hereinbefore.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 92, line 1, with the following:

With reference to the flowchart of FIG. ~~[[16D]]~~ 16C, the steps involved in simulation job execution step 1627 of FIG. 16C are depicted in greater detail. The process of executing a simulation job on a simulation client begins with step 1631, which depicts the simulation client obtaining a copy of the model corresponding to the given simulation job provided by the model servers. As illustrated at step 1638, the simulation client communicates with instrumentation server 1699 to obtain and process control information for the instrumentation events within the simulation model. Proceeding to step 1632, the simulation model is loaded into a hardware simulator or memory 44 of the simulation client.